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To: deanna
From: brewster@wais.com (Brewster Kahle)
Subject: I won with cmp!

looks like there are two of them. please call to see if they have this
radio rocket thing.

thanks

-brewster

ADVANCED DIGITAL SYSTEMS INC.-Advanced Digital Systems, located in Waltham,
Mass.,
recently took the wraps off six personal computers in its Portable Series
notebook line. Three of the new
offerings have a 486DX4/75MHz processor and three are equipped with a
486DX4/100MHz processor.
Each personal computer is available with mono, dual-scan or active-matrix
color display.

There are some vertical markets buying a lot of these types of products,
such as insurance companies,''
said Mike McCoy, president of Advanced Digital Systems, Cerritos, Calif.
For example, an insurance
company will outfit sales representatives with a notebook computer and
encoder, enabling users to give
presentations in the office or at home by hooking up the system to the
customer's television.

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Advanced Digital Syst
617- 890-0330

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(310)926-1926

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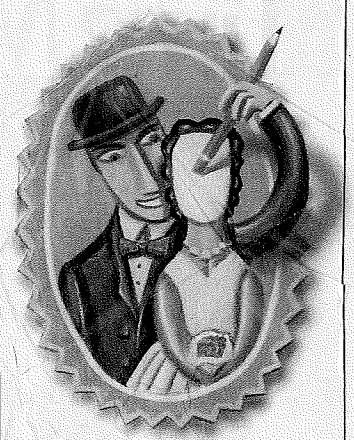
THE RAG TRADE HITS THE INFO HIGHWAY

PRETTY SOON, THERE COULD be a whole new spin when people say they're "hanging the clothes on the line." Come April, the garment industry will go digital in a big way when its own electronic trading network, called RagNet, becomes available. Operated by New York-based Information Networks Inc., the network is designed to help textile makers, garment manufacturers, designers, whole-salers, and retailers do business with one another faster and more efficiently.

Today, if a garment maker wants to unload surplus bolts of fabric, for example, it usually sells the goods to a broker, who in turn re-sells them to another company. With RagNet, the manufacturer could cut out the middleman and offer the goods for sale—presumably at a better price—directly on RagNet's global electronic bulletin board.

What's more, RagNet's sponsors expect to reach corporate buyers at 700 retailers, including such chains as Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Mervyn's. The network will enable the buyers to view high-resolution images of manufacturers' latest wares and clothing lines using the computers in their corporate offices instead of schlepping all the way to New York City to visit a Seventh Avenue showroom.

NOW E-MAIL IS GETTING INTO PICTURES

TIRED OF E-MAIL WITH ITS boring old computer text? Prodigy Services, the online network created by Sears Roebuck and IBM, is hoping to bring new pizzazz to the consumer E-mail market. On Feb. 22, the company announced an agreement with Seattle FilmWorks Inc., a 35mm color film maker, to develop a multimedia E-mail system that lets Prodigy's 2 million members add digitized snapshots to their E-mail. Here's how it works:

Seattle FilmWorks will convert any conventional 35mm film to full-color computer files. Prodigy members could then attach the files to the E-mail they send over Prodigy. What's more, if members have a multimedia PC with a sound card, they can attach digital recordings of their voice or snippets of music. Although the enhanced E-mail features, available by April, will only work within the Prodigy service, company spokesman Brian Ek says that Prodigy is developing a similar multimedia mail scheme that will work over the worldwide Internet network.

FOR EASY LISTENING, TUNE IN YOUR PC

WHAT'S THE NEXT CONSUMER-ELECTRONICS DEVICE TO be stuffed into a multimedia PC? How about an FM radio? Well, not exactly your typical radio. On Mar. 1, Advanced Digital Systems (ADS) will introduce Radio Rock-it, a $249 circuit card for IBM-compatible PCs. The add-in card features a chip to decode signals transmitted over the Radio Broadcast Data System (RBDS)—a scheme that allows text and other data to be sent over a station's operating frequency. For example, an RBDS-equipped station could transmit the artist's name and title of the song currently playing, the station's call letters and music format, or any other text-based data.

Included software allows the owner to control Radio Rock-it via an on-screen remote control, even while working in another Windows program, such as a word processor. The software also contains a list of U.S. radio stations and their music formats. That way, owners can seek out all-classical music stations, for instance, and have Radio Rock-it lock on to them.
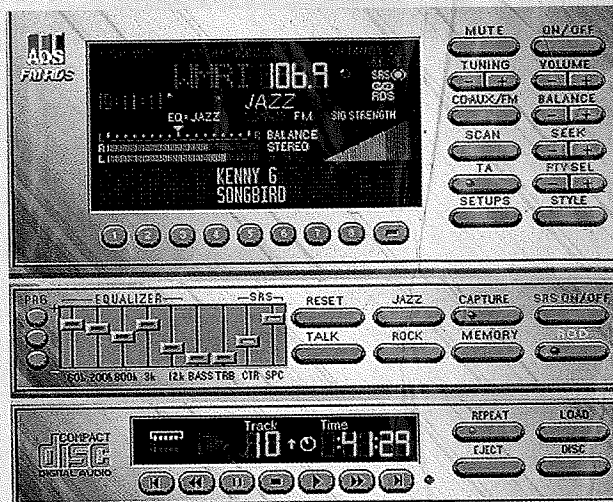
'THAT REDHEAD ON THE LEFT? PLEASE TERMINATE HER'

THE THIN LINE BETWEEN reality and digital fantasy has gotten even thinner in Vancouver, B.C. There, Western Pro Imaging Labs is using computers to rid family photos of former lovers and spouses, fix bad hair and closed eyes, and correct other flaws found all too often in wedding pictures and other shots that can't be retaken.

Western Pro's main business has been wholesale photofinishing, but the company's three-year-old digital-imaging unit came up with the idea of electronically fixing consumers' photos a few months ago, says Western Pro President R. Keith Guelpa. The company uses high-end Apple Macintosh computers, equipped with electronic scanners, that run software such as Adobe Photoshop. For an average price of $75, consumers can send in a print, have it retouched, and get back a similar-size print and a new negative with which to make additional prints. Guelpa calls his latest service Digital Reunion. By combining bits and pieces from a series of snapshots, Western Pro's retouchers can create a group shot of people who may never have actually met.

Time Machine